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We, the undersigned, demand that:

FDA should prohibit the practice of forced molting because it
has been scientifically shown to promote disease by destroying
the starving hens immune system.

FDA has jurisdiction to ban farm practice, such as forced
molting, that injure human health and torture the animals. The
cruelty and contamination are linked.

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PETITION
TO STOP
FORCED MOLTING
OF LAYING HENS

Molting occurs in all birds. Birds gradually replace old feathers with
new ones each year. During natural molting a female bird stops laying
eggs. Her energies are needed to grow new feathers. Egg producers
practice "forced molting." They starve their hens of all food for up to 2
weeks to control egg laying and prices. The hens go into physiologic
shock. They lose up to 30 percent of their bodyweight. Millions of hens
die. All endure the utmost suffering of starvation. Forced molting is a
major cause of Salmonella poisoning because prolonged food depriva-
tion wrecks the hen's immune system, which causes disease.

TO: UNITED EGG PRODUCERS AND U.S. POULTRY AND EGG ASSOCIATION
WE the undersigned insist that the egg industry take immediate steps to eliminate
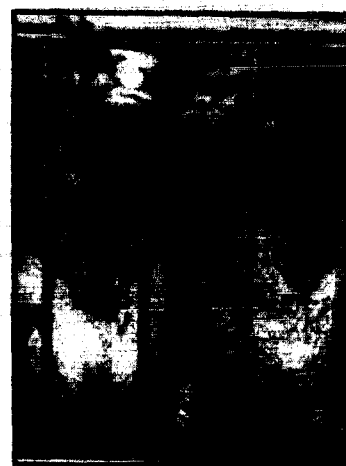the cruel practice of "forced molting."

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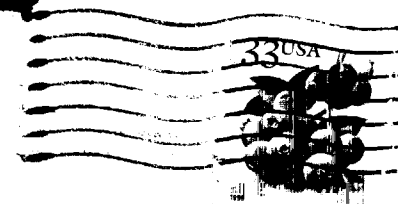| PRINT NAME	PRINT MAILING ADDRESS & ZIP CODE	SIGNATURE
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